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Subject: Re: ITC Update  
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 9:16:44 AM

Thanks Eric. Glad we have firm times now.

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On Mar 19, 2019, at 9:08 AM, Delgado, Eric <[Delgado.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Delgado.Eric@epa.gov)> wrote:

Matt

Here are our reporting periods

12 noon - 4am. Update due at 6am

4am - 12noon. Update due at 2pm

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On Mar 19, 2019, at 8:35 AM, Loesel, Matthew <[loesel.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:loesel.matthew@epa.gov)> wrote:

- EPA continues to participate in Unified Command with TCEQ, Harris County Pollution Control Services, and ITC. It is anticipated that the fire will continue to take several days to burn out.
- As of 8:00 am, there are 8 tanks involved with the fire within the fire wall.

80-001	80-002	80-003	80-004	80-005	80-006	80-007	80-008
Not Involved <b>YUBase 6</b>	Engulfed (collapsed) <b>Gas, Blendstock</b>	Engulfed Buckling <b>Gas, Blendstock</b>	Not Involved <b>YUBase 4 Plus</b>	Flames on roof <b>Xylenes/Mixed Xylene</b>	Flames on roof <b>Gasoline Blendstock</b>	Not currently involved <b>Pygas</b>	Flames on top <b>Naphtha</b>
80-009	80-010	80-011	80-012	80-013	80-014	80-015	
Collapsed <b>Tank Empty</b>	Not currently involved <b>Pygas</b>	Flames on roof <b>SN115</b>	Collapsed <b>Tank Empty</b>	Not currently involved <b>Toluene</b>	Newly Involved <b>Pygas</b>	Newly Involved <b>Pygas</b>	

- Both the Deer Park and La Porte ISDs will be back open at normal times this morning (03/19).
- The Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) bus departed this morning and revised its arrival time to be on site by Thursday (3/21).
- The Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) aircraft found no exceedances of the Texas comparison values. ASPECT conducted a screening level assessment to evaluate the unreported or undetected releases of hazardous materials or contaminants at the Intercontinental Terminals Company in Deer Park, Texas on March 18, 2019. The screening level results from ASPECT were compared to the ASPECT list of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) short-term Air Monitoring Comparison Values (AMCVs) and found no exceedances of the short-term AMCVs. 1-Butene, acetone, isoprene, and 2-Butene were detected at or below 1 ppm at several hundred meters in the atmosphere.
- Instantaneous monitoring of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) continues to be conducted by the responsible party. As of noon on 03/18, CTEH had taken 153 readings for VOCs. There are still no readings above health action levels.
- Harris County Pollution Control is conducting air monitoring to address complaints that have been received by their office.
- 2 EPA contractor teams have completed air monitoring around the 14 identified Superfund NPL sites in Harris County to determine any effects of the plume at those sites, as well as taking readings downwind from the fire in various areas. No detections were identified.
- ITC continues to take hourly water samples at the ditch feeding into Tucker Bayou and sending the samples to an outside laboratory for analysis. Initial results are expected to become available between Wednesday and Friday. There is boom deployed in the ditch to capture the foam. Traces of foam have been observed in the ditch and Tucker Bayou by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The following is the current meeting schedule at the ITC EOC:

7:30 A.M.	CTEH Air Monitoring Report Release
7:30 A.M.	EPA / TCEQ Formal Update Brief from ITC
9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	Press Release Review (30 min. time frame for approval)
10:00 A.M.	ITC Press Conference
1:00 P.M.	CTEH Air Monitoring Report Release
2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.	Press Release Review (30 min. time frame for approval)
3:00 P.M.	EPA Formal Update Brief
3:30 P.M.	ITC Press Conference

Informal updates are being provided to TCEQ every three hours, or as the incident evolves.

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